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TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EPAP, SOPN, MY

SUBJECT: NEW STRAITS TIMES REPORT ON BERGLAND VISIT

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 3816

1. WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT NEW STRAITS TIMES REPORT REFTEL IF UNCORRECTED MAY PROVIDE MISLEADING IMPRESSION OF OUR PALM OIL POLICIES, AND DETRACT SOMEWHAT FROM THE FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE OF SECRETARY BERGLAND'S VISIT. SPECIFICALLY, THE ALLEGATION THAT LAST YEAR QUOTE (ALTHOUGH) MR. BUTZ DISCOUNTED IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, YET A FAR MORE SIGNIFICANT SHIFT WAS TO COME SOME MONTHS LATER WHEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DECIDED AGAINST FUNDING CULTIVATION PROGRAMS MEANT FOR EXPORT UNQUOTE NEEDS CORRECTION.

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2. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE TOPIC WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE JOURNALISTS. THE STATEMENT NEEDS CONSIDERABLE QUALIFICATION IN THAT THE IFI CONTEXT IS APPARENTLY NOT MENTIONED. IN ANY EVENT, WE DO NOT VIEW THAT POSTURE AS QUOTE FAR MORE SIGNIFICANT UNQUOTE THAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. TO WHAT EXTENT DOES THIS REPORTING

REFLECT GOM PERCEPTIONS OF PALM OIL ISSUES? CHRISTOPHER

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